

REMARKS

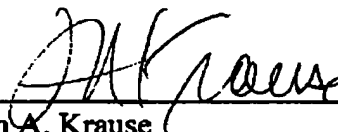
In the above-identified Office Action the Examiner stated that Claims 29 and 33/29 are allowed, and that Claims 25, 28, and 30 would be allowed if certain objections thereto were remedied. By this response Applicants have amended the claims so that the above-enumerated claims are the only remaining pending claims in the application. In particular, Claims 25 and 30, which were objected to, have been corrected as suggested by the Examiner. Similarly, Claim 28 has been amended to overcome the objections mentioned in paragraph 6 of the Office Action, and Claim 28 has been amended to independent form so that it includes all of the limitations of now-cancelled Claim 26 from which it originally depended.

In the Office Action the Examiner also raised the objection that reference numeral 6 had been used in Fig. 1B and Fig. 10. In this regard, Applicants are separately submitting replacement sheet 10 wherein the reference numeral "6" has been changed to reference numeral --18--. Furthermore, replacement sheets are being submitted for all of the other corrected drawing sheets.

For these reasons it is believed that all of the objections set forth in the Office Action have been overcome, wherefore the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is solicited.

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